

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1. (Currently amended) A method of intentionally labeling a pharmaceutical product having one or more active ingredients and one or more inactive ingredients, comprising the step of

intentionally varying an amount of at least one of the one or more inactive ingredients to intentionally generate a product signature tag of the pharmaceutical product having the intentionally varied amount of the at least one of the one or more inactive ingredients, wherein the product tag varies from a reference product tag of the pharmaceutical product in which an amount of the one or more inactive ingredients has not been intentionally varied, thereby intentionally labeling the pharmaceutical product.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the product signature comprises a near-infrared (NIR) spectra spectrum, and wherein the product signature comprises a label.

3. (Currently amended) A method for identifying the source of a production batch of a pharmaceutical product from among a plurality of production batches of the pharmaceutical product, wherein the pharmaceutical product has one or more active ingredients and one or more inactive ingredients, comprising the step of

intentionally varying an amount of at least one of the one or more inactive ingredients among different batches of the pharmaceutical product produced, wherein intentional variation in the amount of at least one of the one or more inactive ingredients in a batch results in an NIR spectrum for the production batch that intentionally detectably differs from an NIR spectrum for a different production batch among the plurality of production batches, thereby identifying the source of the production batch of the pharmaceutical product from among a plurality of production batches of the pharmaceutical product.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1[[4]], wherein the inactive ingredient whose amount is varied is ~~the~~ a filler.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the amount changed is in the range of about minus 5 percent to about plus 5 percent based on a total weight of the product.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1[[4]] ~~in which~~ wherein the inactive ingredient whose amount is varied is ~~the~~ a binder.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the amount changed is in the range rage of about minus 0.5 percent to about plus 0.5 percent based on a total weight of the product.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1[[4]] ~~in which~~ wherein the inactive ingredient whose amount is varied is ~~the~~ a disintegrant.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the amount changed is in the range of about minus 3 percent to about plus 3 percent based on a total weight of the product.

11-32. (Canceled)

33. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the inactive ingredient whose amount is varied is a lubricant.

34. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the inactive ingredient whose amount is varied is a glidant.

35. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the inactive ingredient whose amount is varied is a film coat.